

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Consideration of Cycling Infrastructure Opportunities within the area of the Doris Avenue Road Extension Project south of Sheppard Avenue East

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Summary:

The City of Toronto is advancing the City Council-approved interim offset intersection for the Doris Avenue Extension. This is a new road connection that will extend Tradewind Avenue north to Sheppard Avenue East. The project supports planned growth, improves local connectivity and enhances road safety and access for all road users, while creating a more attractive and comfortable streetscape.

In 2022, the City completed the North York Centre South Service Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Addendum, which evaluated options and proposed changes to Doris Avenue, Bonnington Place and Tradewind Avenue.

As a result of the evaluation undertaken, the study update recommended delivering the project in two phases, including a new road connection between Doris Avenue and Tradewind Avenue:

- Interim offset intersection: Designed to align with current development timing
- Ultimate realigned intersection: To be implemented in the future, subject to funding and land acquisition

Both phases protect space for a future four-lane road south of Sheppard Avenue East, with sidewalks on both sides and wider boulevards where possible.

The Doris Extension project will include the installation of bikeways along Sheppard Avenue East, between Kenneth Avenue and Yonge Street. While not part of the 2022 EAA recommendations, they were subsequently assessed and identified as an important part of the cycling network.

Reason for Urgency:

The Doris Avenue Extension project is advancing through design and implementation stages, and timely consideration of cycling infrastructure opportunities is needed to ensure active transportation connections are incorporated before key design decisions are finalized. Early

direction will allow Transportation Services to evaluate potential bikeway improvements as part of the project delivery process and avoid missing opportunities to create a safe and connected cycling network for the Avondale community.

Recommendations:

That:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to review opportunities to create cycling facilities and bikeway improvements to connect the Avondale community with the existing and planned bikeways along Sheppard Avenue East and the overall cycling network, consistent with the City's Complete Streets Guidelines and Cycling Network Plan.

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